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For: METHOD OF INACTIVATION OF RAS SUBFAMILY  
PROTEINS AND AGENTS THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of this CPA on the merits, kindly consider and enter the following preliminary amendments and attendant remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly delete the existing title and replace it with:

-AGENTS USEFUL FOR INACTIVATION OF RAS SUBFAMILY  
PROTEINS-

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12-20, without prejudice or disclaimer, and enter the following claims 21-29: